

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-1-10 (PACS 1.14) Construction Date: circa 1885/circa 1930
Name: Thomas L. Fairall Property
Location: 120 Second Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Thomas L. Fairall Property is a 2-story, 5-bay, Italianate-style building on the east side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1885, the building is T-shaped with two 2-story additions on the north and south elevations. The structure has a shed roof, with a modern cornice which reflects the Italianate style. It is of 3-1 and 7-1 common bond brick construction, and it has a stone foundation. The side additions are of running-bond construction. The windows are double-hung wood sash. There is a bracketed shed-roof hood over the front entrance.

Significance:

The Thomas L. Fairall Property was built circa 1885 on .8 hectares (2 acres) of land between First Street and Second Street. Fairall bought the property in 1883 from Artemus Donaldson, who is listed as the owner of the empty lot on the 1878 Hopkins map of Laurel. Thomas L. Fairall is listed as the proprietor of the Laurel Machine Works in the list of sponsors of the Hopkins Map of 1878. He was born in Anne Arundel County, and settled in Prince George's County in 1848. William Fairall obtained the property through the will of Thomas Fairall. William Fairall sold the property in 1909 to Ernest Northam with a 22.8 meter (75-foot frontage) on Second and First Street. At that time the property is described as having a double brick dwelling and frame stable. Ernest Northam defaulted on his mortgage, and the property was sold with the .2 hectare (.5 acre) lot in 1912 to Charles Shaffer. The property was sold to Myra Shaffer in 1919, and by that time the acreage had been reduced to the .12 hectares (.30 acres) currently associated with lot 11A. Charles C. Smithson bought the property in 1924, and then sold it in 1937 to C. Bowie McCeney. A half-interest was sold to Robert McCeney in 1940. The property was sold in 1975 to the current owners.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas L. Fairall Property (preferred)

and/or common Nichols and Hurtt Property

2. Location:

street & number 120 Second Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel ☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name C. Philip Nichols, Jr. and Stewart Hurtt

street & number 120 Second Street

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code Maryland 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 4527

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 155

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas L. Fairall Property is a 2-story, 5-bay, Italianate-style building on the east side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1885, the building is T-shaped with two 2-story additions on the north and south elevations which date from the 1930s. The structure has a shed roof, with a cornice that reflects the Italianate style. It is of 3-1 and 7-1 common bond brick construction, and it has a stone foundation. The side additions are of running-bond construction. The windows are double-hung wood sash. There is a bracketed shed-roof hood over the front entrance.

The west, or front elevation has a bracketed wood cornice with a trellis design. There are 1-bay, 2-story brick additions on the north and south elevations which create a 5-bay facade. The first story entrance is centered, and has a door with sidelights under a shed-roof hood. There are two shallow brick steps leading to the door. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical. There are four 2/2 double-hung windows on the first story. The windows in the main block have segmental arches, and the windows in the additions have flat arches. All the windows have fixed shutters. There are six 2/2 double-hung windows in the second story.

The south elevation has been altered with the brick addition. The basement level has one boarded opening under the addition, and one segmental arched, 3-light window under the rear wing. The addition has 2/2 double-hung windows on the first and second story, both with flat arches and fixed shutters. The rear wing has two 2/2 double-hung windows with segmental arches on both the first and second story. There is a thin 2/2 double-hung window between floors in the first bay of the rear wing. It also has a segmental arch.

The east elevation has been altered with the side additions, and the rear wing has been stuccoed. The side wings both have 2/2 double-hung windows on the first and second stories. The front wing of the main block has 2/2 double-hung windows with segmental arches on the first and second stories. The rear wing has two doors in the basement level, and two 2/2 double-hung windows on each floor. There is a brick chimney on the end of the front wing of the main block.

The north elevation has been altered with the brick addition. The basement level has one boarded opening under the addition, and one segmental arched 3-light window under the rear wing. The addition has one 2/2 double-hung window on each floor. The windows have flat arches. The rear wing has two 2/2 double-hung segmental arched windows on each floor. There is a scar for a window between floors in the bay of the rear wing. The brick chimney extends along the wall of the rear wing.

There are no outbuildings associated with this building.

The property is located on the east side of Second Street with commercial development to the south, industrial properties to the east, and empty lot to the north, and converted residential properties to the west. The current setting is commercial, but this area was historically a low-density residential neighborhood in the Town of Laurel.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1885, circa 1930

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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According to a house-tour pamphlet printed in 1977, the building was known as the "Old Line Building" and was renovated after 1975 by the current owners. The renovations added office space to the previously apartment-only building. The wings are reported to have been added in the 1930s (Laurel Horizon Society, 1977).

The Thomas L. Fairall Property is located in Laurel. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's

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County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The Thomas L. Fairall Property is an example of an Italianate building. The building is a late example of the Italianate style. The style is usually found in buildings two to three stories in height which feature generally balanced facades. Italianate buildings have low-pitched gable, hipped, or mansard roofs with wide overhanging eaves and brackets often paired with ornate cornices. The windows are tall, narrow double-hung sashes, sometimes arched and often paired (usually 1/1, 2/2 or 4/4 double-hung). There are often decorative brackets, crowns or hoods over windows and doors. A one-story front porch is usually featured, with the same brackets and decorative cornice. About 30 percent of Italianate houses have a center gable or a tower. Many examples also feature quoins (McAlester 1984:211).

National Register Evaluation:

The Thomas L. Fairall Property, constructed circa 1885, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as an excellent example of an Italianate double-house. The property represents the growing need for housing in the late-nineteenth century in Laurel. The building has been altered with the additions on the north and south, but they do not detract from the character-defining elements of the Italianate style, which included a balanced facade, 2/2 double-hung windows with segmental arches, and a decorative cornice. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments	
Reviewer, OPS: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>9/2/99</i>
Reviewer, NR Program: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>9/7/99</i>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-1-10(PACS 1.14)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .30 acres (.12 hectares)
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan L. Taylor

Organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Thomas L. Fairall Property follow the current property lines of 120 Second Street (Tax Map 6 and Parcel 11A). This 832 square meter (8959 square foot) parcel is bounded on the north, south, and east by adjacent parcels and on the west by Second Street. The boundary includes the brick building. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a .8 hectare (2-acre) parcel which was purchased by Thomas Fairall in 1883. The lot was reduced to .2 hectares (.5 acres) in 1909, and to the current lot size of .12 hectares (.3 acres) in 1919. The surrounding properties have been developed with modern commercial and industrial buildings and no longer contribute to the historic setting of the building.

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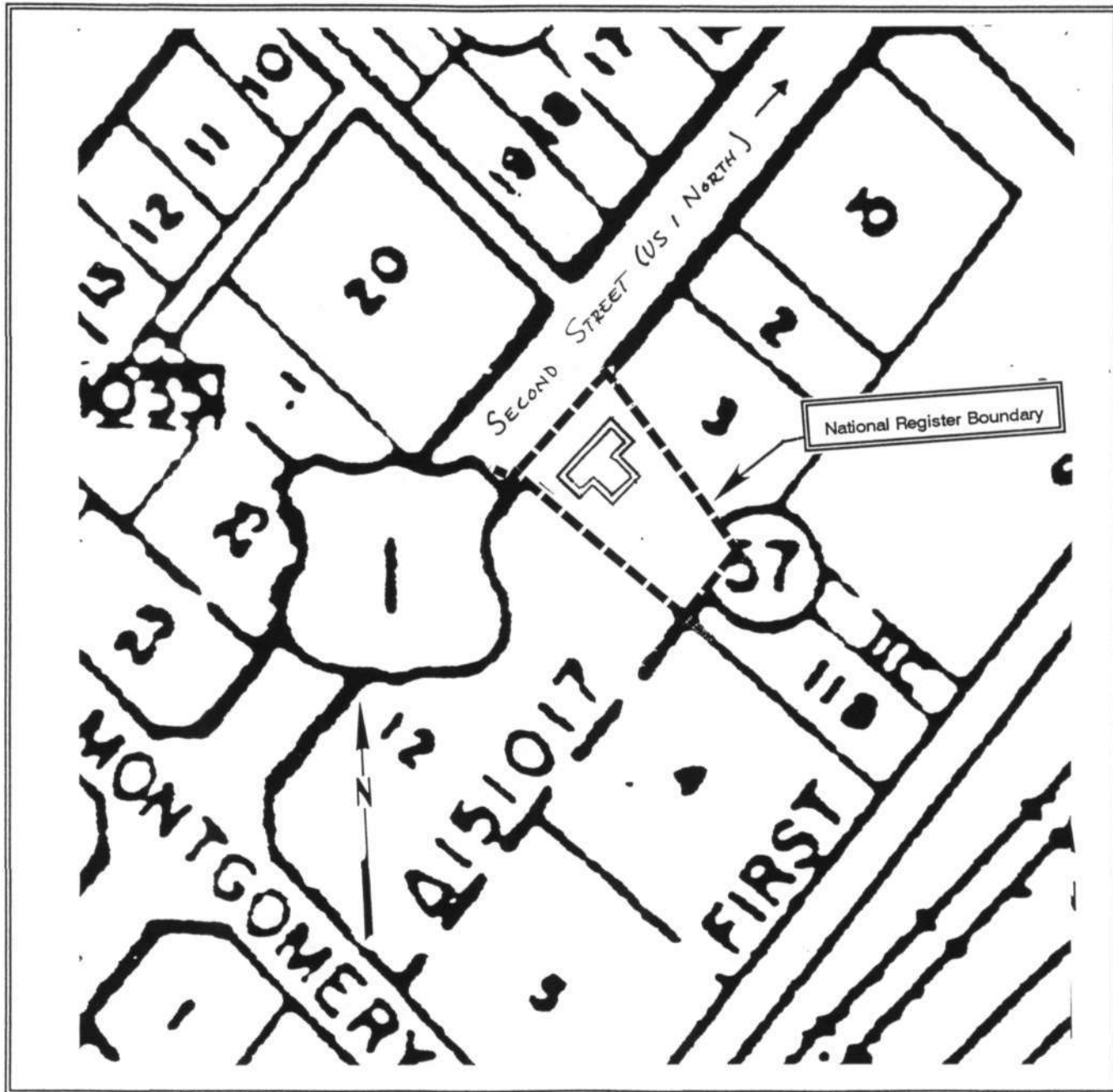
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

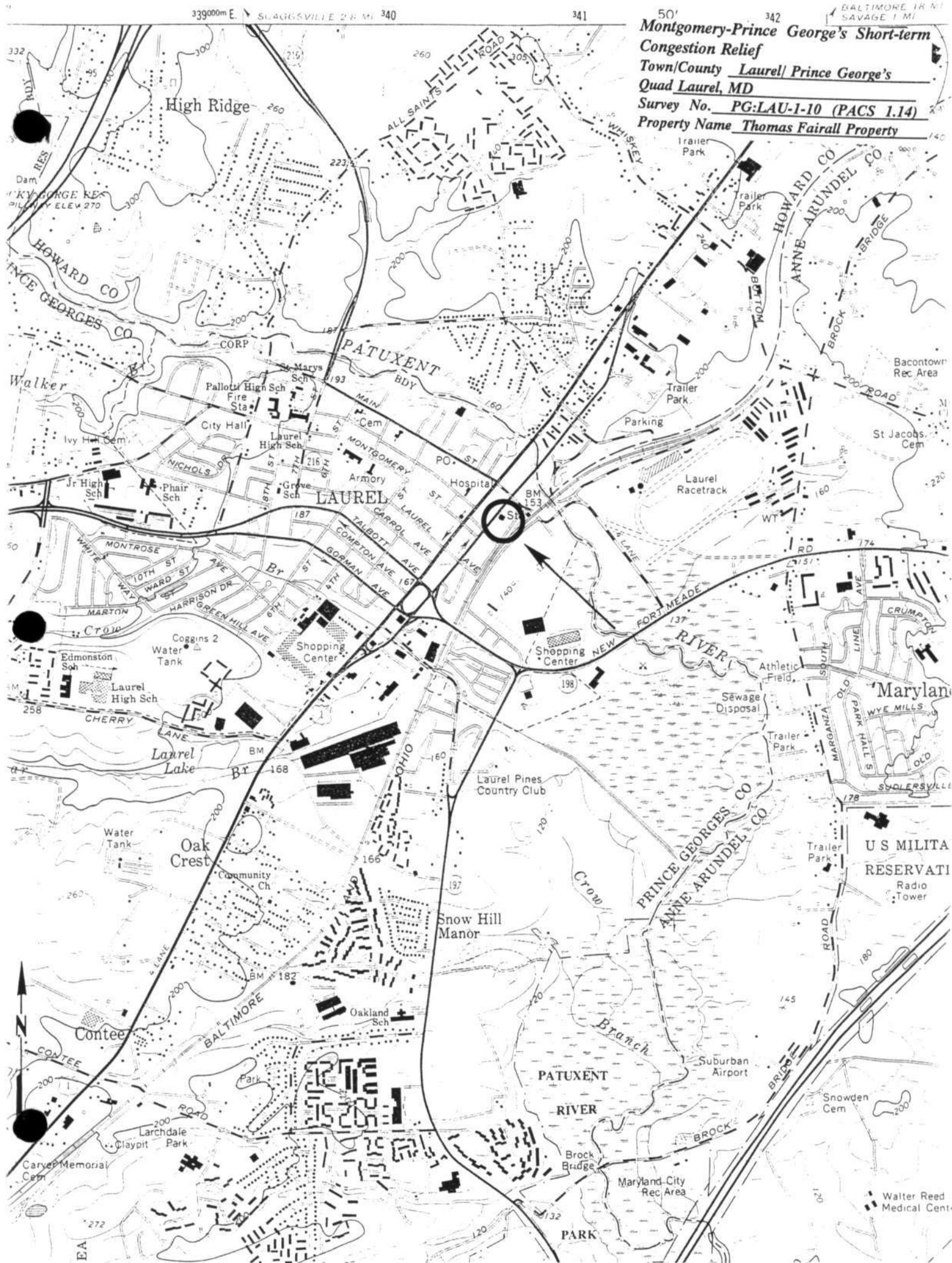
Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Multiple dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998





- 1 B:lan-1-10
- 2 Thomas Fairall Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 W. elevation
- 8 1078

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- 1 PG: Lau 1-10
- 2 Thomas Farrell Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 SW corner
- 8 2 of 8

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- 1 PG: Lau 1-10
- 2 Thomas Fairall Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 2 elevation
- 8 3 of 8



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- 2 Thomas Fanall Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 SE corner
- 8 4 of 8

0120271 N N-N-12



1 PG: Lau 1-10

2 Thomas Farrell Property

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 E elevation

8 5 of 8

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- 1 PE-Lau-110
- 2 Thomas Farwell Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SAPO
- 7 NE corner
- 8 6 of 8

0120271 N N N-12



- 1 PG: Lau 1-10
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- 8 7 of 8

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Photograph Log

Image File Name	Description of View
PG;LAU-1-10_2008-09-24.01.TIF	View of front elevation, facing southeast
PG;LAU-1-10_2008-09-24.02.TIF	View of front and side elevations, facing east
PG;LAU-1-10_2008-09-24.03.TIF	View of side elevation, facing northeast
PG;LAU-1-10_2008-09-24.04.TIF	View of rear elevation, facing northwest
PG;LAU-1-10_2008-09-24.05.TIF	View of rear and side elevations, facing west

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MHTP #Pls. LAU-1-10

Thos. Fairall Prop.

Pls Co. MD

F. Kohler

9/08

MD SHPO

Front elev., facing SE

#1 of 5



MIHP # PG-LAU-1-10

Thos. Fairall Prop.

PG Co. MD

F. Kohler

4/08

MD SHPO

Front + side elev., facing E

#2 of 5



MHP # PG-LAU-1-10

Thos. Fairall Prop.

Pk Co. MD

F. Kohler

9/03

MD SHPD

Side elev., facing NE

3 of 5



MHTP # PG: LAU-1-10

Thos. Fairall Property

Plr Co. MD

F. Kohler

9/08

MD SHPO

Rear elev., facing NW

#4 of 5



MIHP # PG. LAU-1-10

Thos. Fairall Property

PG Co. MD

F. Kohler

9/08

MD SHPO

Rear + side elev., facing W

#5 of 5